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1. For several days beginning on 26 February 1953, billeting equipment and prefabricated barracks sections were transported daily by truck from the concentration camp and tank barracks at Oranienburg. On 6 March no Soviet sentry was observed there; the guard duty at the main entrance facing Bernauerstrasse was taken over by the German police. The tank barracks was then occupied by elements of the German police which came from the Oranienburg castle.
2. On 2 March 1953 about 24 trucks of the 94th Guards Motorized Rifle Division moved along Ludwigslusterstrasse in Schwerin toward the railroad station, carrying guns which appeared to be anti-tank guns of 57 mm. or 76.2 mm. caliber; some additional trucks carried six AA guns. On 5 March one SP gun and three T-34 tanks of the same division were observed proceeding in the same direction.
3. A troop shipment was observed on 8 March going from Forst Zinna to Wittenberg; also one on 11 March from Döberitz to Neustrelitz¹; also two shipments to Lieberose on 12 March, one from Fürstenwalde and one from Frankfurt on the Oder.

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4. On 11 March 1953 a troop train with 150 soldiers, 9 trucks, and 8 T-34 tanks of the 1st Mechanized Division was observed en route to Neustrelitz. This train had been loaded at the Döberitz station.
5. On 13 March a tank unit with five T-34 tanks of the 10th Guards Tank Division entrained at the Brandenburg Station.

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